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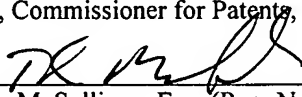


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith in connection with the above-identified patent application are the following documents:


- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (3 pgs.);
- ☒ PTO Form 1449 (in duplicate - 1 pg.);
- ☒ References Cited (B3 and C2); and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 395-7000.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50/2762; Ref. No. A2000-700219. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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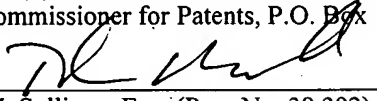
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO
THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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Also, the Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed partial international search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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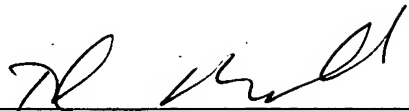
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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	A19	*5,940,274		Sato et al.	08/17/1999
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B3	EP	0 575 060	A1	GNB Industrial Battery Company	12/22/1993	
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OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	C2	Invitation to Pay Additional Fees with Partial International Search Report for PCT/US2005/002027 mailed April 7, 2006.	
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